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VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Christopher Swain, Project Manager
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Re: Request for Information

Dear Chris:

On behalf of the City of Bangor (the "City"), I am writing to clarify the scope of the Department's October 13, 2015 Request for Information ("RFI") concerning hazardous substance releases at the former Dow Air Force Base.

The transmittal letter for the RFI states: "*Specifically, this inquiry concerns two locations on the Site which are commonly known as the "landfill" and the "Fire Training Area."* To the extent the RFI is focused on these two areas, the City is on track to respond to the RFI by January 15, 2015.

However, many of the questions posed by the RFI are with regard to the "Site," which is defined as "*the former Dow Air Force Base ... including but not limited to, the so called Fire Training Area ("FTA") and Landfill Area.*" (Emphasis supplied.) If, in fact, the RFI scope extends to the entire former Dow Air Force Base, it would take the City many months, if not years, to compile a complete response to the 21 multi-part questions posed. For example, Question 7 requests a "*general historic overview of how hazardous substances were typically used, handled, and disposed of at the Site...*" and Question 12 asks for a description of "*the waste handling and disposal history of the Site, for all facilities and all operations.*"

The Department has in its possession extensive information related to the former Dow Air Force Base as a whole (including information developed (a) by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; (b) in connection with past hazardous waste enforcement actions taken against the City by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and (c) as the result of activities under the Department's Voluntary Response Action Program), but is now seeking information regarding two specific areas of concern – the FTA and Landfill Area. The City intends to respond to the RFI in a manner that is consistent with its understanding of the intent of the Department's RFI – to obtain all pertinent information regarding the City's practices associated with the FTA and the

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Landfill Area; i.e., the definition of Site is meant to include those two areas only (rather than the entire former Dow Air Force Base).

Please contact me as soon as possible if this approach is not acceptable to the Department.

Very truly yours,



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